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ON FOLLOW-ON WORK IN THE ANTI-ARMOR FIELD (AHC).

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1. THE AHC HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT NATO HQ ON 1-2 SEP
77. REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED FROM FR, FRG, IT, UK, US,
SHAPE, AND THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

2. THE AHC CONSIDERED ITS TASK OUTLINED IN REF AND AGREED
ON A WORK PLAN TO PRODUCE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOW-ON
ACTIVITIES IN ANTI-ARMOR EQUIPMENT AREAS. THE PROPOSALS
WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NATO ARMY
ARMAMENTS GROUP AT THEIR FEBRUARY 1978 MEETING. THE WORK
PLAN CALLS FOR AHC REPRESENTATIVES TO RESEARCH ASSIGNED
AREAS AND PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON SPECIFIC ACTIONS FOR
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CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT AHC MEETING (2 NOV 77). THE AHC
AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING DIVISION OF TASKS.

A. ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONCENTRATE ON COUNTER-
MOBILITY IN THE ANTI-ARMOR DEFENSE INCLUDING APPROPRIATE
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT.

B. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONCENTRATE ON TANKS AND ANTI-TANK DIRECT FIRE WEAPONS.

C. UK REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONCENTRATE ON AIR SUPPORT (HELICOPTERS AND FIXED WING) IN THE ANTI-ARMOR ROLE, AND THE WORK PREVIOUSLY ACCOMPLISHED BY DRG(RSG 6).

D. FRG REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONCENTRATE ON INDIRECT FIRE IN THE ANTI-ARMOR ROLE.

E. US REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONCENTRATE ON TARGET ACQUISITION AND DESIGNATION, AND NIGHT VISION DEVICES.

F. SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE WILL REVIEW NATO DOCUMENT AC/259-D/581 CONCERNING DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR IN THE CENTRAL REGION AND DENMARK, AND IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE THE DOCUMENT INDICATES IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY. BENNETT

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